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Didsbury Fire Captain Mike O'Dell radios instructions during a weekly practise recently. The Didsbury and District Fire Authority is concerned about the centralization of ambulance dispatch.

## Government needs to take action: fire authority

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

The Didsbury and District Fire Authority is urging the health ministry to wrap up its review of centralized ambulance dispatch systems.

"We are all concerned about the latest changes to dispatch ... it makes communication between firemen and EMS much more difficult," said John Kohut, chair of the Didsbury and District Fire Authority.

"We are looking for a resolution and hoping something comes out of this current freeze the minister did. Until we see something, we are not sure how to take action."

Didsbury is one of 17 municipalities to have its local medical emergency dispatch centre switched to a central call centre in Edmonton, Calgary or Grimshaw.

Alberta Health Services started the transfer April 1, 2009 and was supposed to have 35 dispatch centres on a single system by 2012.

But Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky put the move on hold last March after rural Albertan communities

raised concern. He doesn't plan on reversing any of the changes made so far but will be looking at how the system is working, he said.

Sheila Rougeau, spokesperson for Alberta Health Services, acknowledged there has been concern and challenges in communities since centralizing began last year, but the board is trying to address it.

"This is a big change for key stakeholders involved and we understand that," she said.

"A lot of facilities had tri-dispatches to send out ambulance, police and fire. We haven't closed down those centres but we took out the EMS function and created our own."

The separate ambulance dispatch centres are intended to focus on making ambulance service more efficient. Dispatchers will know exactly where ambulances are in the province and which ones to draw from, to get to patients faster.

But the system doesn't seem to be working, according to the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association.

"When we had 35 dispatch centres in the province we were not having the problems we are today," said

Bill Purdy, executive director of the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association.

Ambulances are being sent to the wrong rural addresses or fire departments get the call for assistance too late. Some of the "golden hours" – the key time to get a person stabilized in a treatment centre – are being wasted, he said.

"We have separate dispatches and one doesn't know what the other is doing ... all of us rural fire departments are wondering what's going on."

The issue is going to be brought up at the annual fire chief conference in Edmonton this June, where Jim Garland, director of dispatch for the province, will speak.

Didsbury's John Kohut has written a letter urging the minister to speed up the review on centralization.

"We don't know what the government is going to do with this – if they are going to make changes for the better or if they'll keep things the same and prompt us to take some kind of action," he said.

"And until they do something, we are just waiting, waiting, waiting, here on the sidelines."

  
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# Minister guarantees \$10 Million care facility

TAMARA  
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Review Staff

Alberta's health minister guaranteed a \$10 million continuing care facility for Didsbury, while on tour of the local hospital, last week.

Though local politicians say they're holding their elation back until they see shovels in the ground.

"This is certainly a lot closer than we were a moment ago ... I'm more optimistic but still a little cautious. That will change when I see this project (started)," said Richard Marz, MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

Didsbury has been on the books for a 60-bed long-term care centre for the last decade, but was stalled over budget reviews and shuffles between health regions.

In 2000, Alberta Health and Wellness recognized a need for long-term care beds in Didsbury but suspended construction as operational responsibility shuffled between health regions. In 2007, health officials met with the town with plans for the location, layout and size for a new \$26.5 million facility, but that too was put on hold as former health minister Ron Liepert called for a review of all in-flight capital projects by the treasury board.

Ten years later, two dif-

ferent ministries have taken over the project and are proposing a new type of centre - 100 affordable living spaces owned and operated through a public-private partnership.

Alberta Infrastructure and the Ministry of Senior and Community Supports are putting up \$10 million to be matched by a private company or individual, which has not yet been found for the project. The hope is to find a partner "immediately" so the build is finished in 2012 as 13 other facilities across the province are intended to be.

As for the type of beds residents will access - Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky isn't sure.

The short answer is the needs in this community have changed, he said.

But he also admits he's not sure when an evaluation was done to determine what residents require or whether government has even taken that step yet.

"Some of the beds are still going to be long-term care. There will be both," he said, also referring to designated assisted living beds.

"But we haven't determined the need for that split at this time. It's a little premature to know what it should be ... we want to address flexibility of care so people get what they need, not just today but



Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky (centre) tours the Didsbury and District Hospital with Beckie Nickerson, hospital site manager, Marilyn McGregor, hospital director, and other government officials.

tomorrow and well into the future."

He guarantees that whatever beds are decided on, a facility will be there to house them.

I understand this town "has been waiting a long time for this ... it's been touch and go," he said.

"But I am confident this will go through. We have been very specific in terms of the number of spaces

and funding and we have done a public announcement. I don't think (Didsbury) has ever gotten a public announcement about this type of facility before."

Seventeen people gathered at the Didsbury hospital to hear the official announcement and were also told more changes could be coming through the minister's capital plan, which has yet to be released.

Physician, Dr. Dianne Smith, wanted to know if the plan would include bringing back the helipad, temporarily shut down last November over safety violations.

"As a physician this is a real concern for me," she told him.

Zwozdesky wasn't sure when the helipad would be opened again.

"I just finished a 10-year deal with STARS for bases in Calgary and Edmonton and now Grande Prairie and additional needs as

they come up. I have not honestly looked at the helipad needs across the province but I'm gathering the information and will get there very soon. I just don't know what the crystal ball will yield."

Zwozdesky arrived in Didsbury, April 29, for a tour of the hospital, meant to help him develop his three-year capital plan but also allow for local politicians and hospital staff to question him about the new continuing care facility.

It was the first time Zwozdesky visited the Didsbury hospital.

A delegation of politicians and medical staff, from Mayor Brian Wittal to Reeve Al Kenmore and Mountain View Seniors' Housing CAO Alvin Melton, trailed behind the minister as he shook the hands of nurses and care attendants and spontaneously tapped out tunes on the piano for long-term care residents.

Didsbury and District Hospital site manager,

Beckie Nickerson, led Zwozdesky through the corridors giving him a snapshot of health care in this region. He learned 40 long-term care residents share a single bathtub and 70 per cent of hospital patients were eligible for long-term care that day alone. There were also 10 acute care beds and 12 patients.

Zwozdesky also wanted to know about wait times for emergency or long-term care throughout the week and how quickly patients could get from a general family practitioner to a specialist. The answers will help government gauge how effective investments into health care are and what should be improved, he said.

"I want to see what the needs are across Alberta and I can't do that in isolation," he said.

"I am very impressed with this facility and the people operating it. Staff seem to be happy and that is a very positive sign."



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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS JUNE 30, 2010**

The committee may hold public hearings at a later date. In your written submission indicate if you are interested in making an oral presentation upon request by the committee. Submissions and the names of submitters will be made public.

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Mr. Barry McFarland, MLA for Little Bow  
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## Community news

### Businessmen full throttle on event

The key to boosting the local economy could lie under the hood.

Dragster enthusiasts are looking to start Didsbury's first weekend drag race, which could draw hundreds of spectators and racers to the community.

It will also offer up temporary jobs to residents looking to provide concession, security or parking services, they say.

"We've already got feedback from racers that this event would be a huge draw. A lot of the drag races in Alberta are way out there, like in Hanna, while this would be right between Red Deer and Calgary. It would be the perfect location," said Bruce Weese, owner of Snappy's Graphics.

Calgary's Race City is also slated to close in two seasons, providing Didsbury with a chance to fill that gap for Central Alberta, he said.

Mayor Brian Wittal, who is heading up a three-person drag race committee with Weese, sees big potential for economic and tourism spinoff. People travelling from the

western provinces to participate or watch the race, could stay at local campsites; the event could also provide jobs and give not-for-profits a chance to raise dollars.

"Not to mention this would be a fun family event. People come out and see some flash, speed and noise or take their Honda Civic or souped-up truck for a rip down the track," Wittal said.

The group hopes to use runways at the Olds-Didsbury Airport as the track and is gearing up to win approval from the Mountain View County Airport Management Committee, May 6. They hope to at least get a tentative agreement to try out the sport for a year if the committee isn't in favour of outright approval.

"Drag started on old runways so it makes sense to go back to the roots ... it brings back a sense of nostalgia for racers and it takes all the sanctioning body rignarole out of it," Weese said.

"And once we get access to the airport we think things will really start to blossom."

### DHS students ready for odd jobs

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Students are hiring themselves out this month for the annual May Monarch fundraiser.

"We'll do almost anything for a buck.

"We'll do it all. I mean, how bad can it get? Cleaning? Washing toilets? We can handle that," said Jordan Poffenroth, king candidate for the Grade 12s.

On May 12, students will be pitted against each other in an effort to raise money through odd jobs. The grade that raises the most will have their king and queen candidates crowned at a celebration dance and win bragging rights for the rest of the school year.

The money raised will go towards helping students pay for everything from athletics and band trips to

dances and special events.

"We've been doing this for 30 years ... 25 per cent of what the students raise goes towards the kids' graduation and the rest is divided up to fund non-instructional activities," said Curtis Dick, vice-principal of Didsbury High School.

"This is huge for students. They see the direct impact and are rewarded for their hard work."

The school hopes to raise about \$40,000 this year. In 2009 they made just over \$23,000, five times more than their campaign in 2004.

"It's a lot of money but I think we can do it," said Peter Shields, the Grade 10 king candidate.

"We just have to all get out there and get some jobs that will pay us around \$10."

For more information on hiring students, call Didsbury High School at (403) 335-3356.

### Town councillors approve tax hike

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

The wait for an official budget came to an end last Tuesday as council passed the bylaw, raising taxes by 3.5 per cent and maintaining town services.

"I think we're comfortable with what we have in place now," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

Town councillors have warned of service cuts this last year as they grappled with government funding cuts and unexpected snow removal costs. At a budget meeting in February they laid all services on the table and considered everything from trimming back library funding to shutting down the pool.

"We looked at it all from a dollars and cents perspective rather than impact to the community. We were chastised by some people for doing that," Wittal said.

"I'm sorry but council's role is to consider everything and then make decisions about it. I think people will be happy to know we are maintaining the status quo on services."

The budget will be bolstered by over \$3 million with a 3.5 per cent tax hike. Requisitions for the Alberta School Foundation and Mountain View Seniors Housing are up by about 1.3 million and

\$44,000 respectively, raising the average tax bill by \$71.

Residents can also expect to see a 10 per cent increase in water and waste water rates, fee increases for recreational activities, like inline skating, continued limits to snow removal and slower service.

"You will get everything you had last year but the service levels may change. We have less staff so it could take longer for the town to do things like process permits and the timeline to clear streets could be different," said James Reichenbacher, chief financial officer.

Town officials also expect financial challenges in the next year brought on by community growth. Debt is sitting at \$6 million and reserves are running at around \$200,000 - there is little left to fix sewer lines and other wears and tears in town infrastructure, Wittal said.

"We've been running on very, very limited reserves for many years, probably back to the time when our pool was first built," he said.

"If something needs repair or if we get a partial funding for a major infrastructure project, we may have to borrow a large chunk and make payments year over year. That would mean we couldn't spend on other capital projects down the road."



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### Manager was in the know

Re: Sewer policy makes no sense (April 20, 2010)

That was an excellent article.

When I cross-reference the past two articles of this proposed new sewer policy it is very easy to read or see that the public works supervisor knew exactly what the proposed policy was. In my opinion the officials knew what they were attempting to do.

Keep up the good job you are doing.

Harold Leslie  
Didsbury, AB



## Residents' letters carry misinformation: mayor

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to some of the letters of concern from citizens that have recently appeared in the *Didsbury Review*.

I appreciate people taking the time to write in, but it would really be nice if people would actually call me or another council member with their ideas or concerns first, so we can separate fact from rumour and discuss the issue openly.

My concern is the misinformation and inaccurate statements that are being made in some of these letters that residents then read, which just perpetuates the problem of inaccurate information circulating around an issue.

Mr. Ed Smith (Taxpayers deserve more input on new projects – April 27, 2010) asks why we didn't trade lands with the school district; well here is the answer:

Under provincial legislation towns are required to put a certain amount of land aside from new development for future schools to be built on and those lands are to be gifted to the school division. Towns do not have the ability to negotiate or trade these lands.

So why did the town buy the old school lands?

Town council felt that this piece of property was vital to the future downtown growth and development of Didsbury, so for that reason felt that purchasing that property was the right thing to do on behalf of all residents.

Council did look at building a seniors' complex on that property and were negotiating with a developer to do so but the costs and the terms of the agreement were not something that council was prepared to move forward with at taxpayers' expense.

I would hope if the company that Mr. Smith refers to was serious about building such a facility that they would have contacted the town directly to inquire about doing a project in our community and would not have left it up to Mr. Smith to act as intermediary for them. The town will always consider new proposals for the property but we have not had anyone come forward with any in the last year. This property was NOT purchased with the intent of building a new town hall or fire hall as Mr. Smith suggests. Those were some ideas that

have been proposed by council, staff and/or residents in general discussions, but nothing has ever been decided as of yet.

Currently council is exploring the possibilities of building a new library on part of those lands. We are doing some preliminary designs and costing so that we have the documentation necessary to be able to apply for provincial grant funding to see if we can ever afford to do this project.

In the future (10-15 years) there would still be room to build a new administrative building, if the council of the day and residents think that is a good idea. That is called planning for the future and I won't apologize for looking ahead and keeping our options open for future growth and development in Didsbury.

Council is also looking at the possibility of selling a portion of this property for development if a proposal should come forward that meets with council's vision for this area.

As for the purchasing of airplane tickets to Japan: Those tickets were purchased using the Avion points that have been collected on the Town of Didsbury credit card over the past couple of years so there was no cash outlay used for the purchase of those tickets. The purpose of the trip was not a holiday as Mr. Smith stated. The student exchange program takes a lot of time to organize and requires a town employee to go on the trip to ensure everything goes according to plan and to handle issues when and if they do arise. Mr. Brown and I went with the intent of holding meetings with local business people of Miki Town to see what kind of business trade we could possibly start up between our two communities that would benefit both our economies. We came back with a number of potential opportunities and one business proposal already from these meetings as well as a commitment from a group of Miki Town businessmen to visit Didsbury next year to further explore potential business opportunities here. Again I believe it was a great investment for the future growth of Didsbury.

In regards to Mr. Smith's concern that taxpayers do not have more say in new projects:

I would take exception to that comment.

Council and administration are tasked with coming up with the ideas and concepts and putting detail to those ideas so that we can then take them out to the residents for input before a major project moves forward. That is how it has worked before and will continue to work in the future as long as I have a say in the matter.

The members of town council and administration are working hard to do what is in the best interest of the Town of Didsbury and its residents for today and for the future. That may require making changes that some may not like, but it is done based on what we believe is needed to help Didsbury prosper into the future.

You, the residents, elected the seven members of council to represent you and make decisions on your behalf, and this goes right back to my opening comments. If you have ideas or concerns, come and talk to one of us so we can deal with the problem directly or take your ideas forward instead of complaining about it at the coffee shop and then demanding a meeting to discuss your issues. Councillors are available and willing to meet with residents to discuss any and all issues, but it seems that most prefer not to talk to us directly but rather listen to the coffee rumours and accept those as fact and then add their own facts to the rumours and on it goes.

Please take the time to talk to your council members so that we can get a better idea of what it is you are expecting and wanting to see for the future of our town. Council's responsibility is to make decisions on many different issues and we will do that based on information that we have at the time. So please be a part of that decision-making process by talking to a councillor about the issues and give them your feedback, or attend council meetings to find out what the issues are and how the decisions being made will address the issues or impact you as a resident. Better yet run for council and become a part of the decision-making process.

The democratic process only works if we all do our part and it starts with the individual citizen.

Mayor Brian Wittal  
Didsbury

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### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

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Alana Gibson, Development Officer

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Posted: April 27, 2010

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FACILITY ATTENDANT

Posted: April 20, 2010

The Town of Didsbury is now accepting applications for the position of a temporary part-time Facility Attendant in the Community Services Department. This position is responsible for set up, supervision, clean up, and closing of the Didsbury Memorial Complex prior to and after facility functions in the Multi-Purpose Room, Arena, and Curling Rink.

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Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0  
Email: dreedy@didsbury.ca



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



May 25 - 29, 2010 is this year's **Spring Clean-Up**.

Residents are encouraged to clean-up their properties and take advantage of the "Reduced Rate Landfill Days"

**Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> through to Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.**  
**Saturday will be open from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.**

To access the landfill site, please pickup a tag (with proof of residency - for example, a utility bill) at the Public Works Shop, for a fee of \$15.00, between **May 10 - 21 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**. This tag needs to be handed in to the attendant at the Landfill Site upon arrival.

For individuals who **do not** hand in a tag, all regular landfill rates will be applied at the site. **Note: The tag will only honor 1/2-ton or 3/4-ton trucks.**

### SPECIAL DAYS

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**Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Curbside Day:** Elderly or Disabled persons requiring curbside pickup of items other than appliances, may make arrangements at the Public Works Shop to obtain a tag, for a fee of \$20.00. Please place your tag on the item being picked up for you.

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For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 403-335-8343 or online at [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)

## Increase in the Water and Wastewater Utility Rates June 1, 2010

New Utility Rates effective June 1, 2010	New Utility Rates		Old Utility Rates	
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Water Rates	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.90
Summer Wastewater Rates	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.83
Winter Wastewater Rates	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.07

This represents a 10% increase for charges based on volume of consumption.

Council and staff continue to work hard to ensure that all increases are kept to a minimum and that all other options to reduce costs and build maintenance reserves have been utilized. If you require any further information, please contact James Reichenbacher, CFO at (403) 335-3391.

# Passion for cars keeps Didsbury man collecting

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Two-dozen vintage cars are lined up in Don McMullen's garage in neat rows, like matchsticks, ready to be fired up.

A few could be taken for a spin during this weekend's show n' shine.

The 82-year-old Didsbury collector has been restoring vintage cars and trucks for the last 30 years, infected with what his wife calls, "the old car disease."

"Once you have it, it sticks with you ... but, if this disease makes my husband happy then it makes me happy," she said.

And who is she to complain?

Her husband's passion for cars has her driving a 1966 Chevy Camaro.

"It is a nice car," she admits.

"I drive it into town and kids say 'you're laying it slick granny' ... that or they are like what's an old lady doing driving such a nice car."

Her husband chuckles - he has more than his share of nice cars lying around the yard.

He's retired now, but for the last three decades, the former contractor has travelled Alberta, picking up a few rides along the way. Some of the cars had been quite literally put out to pasture.

A 1956 Studebaker Gran Turismo Golden Hawk sat out in one Albertan's field for 17 years before McMullen parked it in his garage. It needed a lot of work, he said.

In fact it took him and his son two years to restore the body and repair the interior, which had been infested with mice.

He's also picked up an original 1950 Packard GMC pickup, one of 325 built in the U.S. as well as a 1957 Mercury Turnpike, 1972 Lincoln Continental and 1984 Mercedes.

Over 20 vintage cars lie in several outdoor garages, but his most precious is one he could have lost for good.

"I ordered a custom 1959 Mercury pickup straight from the factory but only drove it a year before I turned it into a local dealer to get something else for my business ... but I kept track of it all these years. It was a nice



Carla Victor/File Photo

**IT'S BACK** - The annual Didsbury Show n' Shine is on this Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

truck," he said.

"Nine years later, it was resting in the yard of a local resident so I bought it and dug it out. It wasn't in good shape anymore but I fixed it up."

The truck could be one of the few autos he features in Saturday's Show n' Shine event. The show, which takes place Saturday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Didsbury's

downtown, is expected to draw upwards of 200 vehicles.

"We are hoping for a good turnout - of cars and spectators - but that all depends on the

weather," said Grant Svendsen, president of the Show n' Shine Committee.

The entry fee is a donation for the Mountain View Food Bank.

## Museum could hand over ownership

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Didsbury's historical society could be handing

over the museum's ownership papers.

For over three decades, volunteers have been running the museum and their list of tasks only

seems to grow.

"I should just be focused on displays and bringing people in here but my head is whirling with things I have to do

to maintain this building - electrical work, trimming the hedges, painting the windows, cleaning the eave troughs..." said Frankie Kelly, president

of Didsbury's historical society.

"And all of this stuff is coming out of our pockets too," said

This year the town

offered up a solution to the museum's woes - give over the building to the municipality.

See Museum page 8

## Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

### Anglican Church of Canada

#### St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664  
Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.  
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.  
Sunday School will start back in September.

### Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue  
Minister Nancy Nourse  
Please join our church family for worship,  
10 a.m. each Sunday.  
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Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.  
For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 403-335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

### West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles  
Pastor Trevor Kriksa, info - 403-337-2020  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
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### Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta  
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,  
8km E on Bergthal Rd.  
Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Mike Nimz  
For more information ph. - 403-335-4451

### Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA  
1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs  
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656  
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Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group  
Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week

### Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church  
14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan  
Office: 403-335-4422  
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.  
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury  
For more information please contact  
Claude Baril 403-335-3842  
Catholic Women's League:  
Wendy MacKenzie 403-335-8507  
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil 403-335-8611

### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

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### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.  
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org  
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John Reimer, Associate Pastor  
(Life Groups & Worship)  
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor  
(Global Connections & Youth)  
Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries  
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# Security switcheroo

Alberta Health Services keeps guards on site

TAMARA  
CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Residents will see two outsourced security guards take up patrol at the Didsbury Hospital this month, as Alberta Health Services flips on its decision to have roving units.

Alberta Health Services CEO Dr. Stephen Duckett delivered the news to Didsbury employees at a private meeting, April 23.

"I knew nothing about this but I think it's great ... absolutely better than roving patrols. I think everyone believes that," said Sherry Tschritter, Didsbury's chair of general support staff for the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees.

Last December, the medical superboard announced 200 positions would be lost, with 100 absorbed by contract workers. Two full-time guard positions were to be eliminated at the Didsbury hospital.

The move came after a provincewide review of security services that showed 40 per cent of hospitals were making do without protective services while others had more personnel than needed.

To even out resources, Alberta Health Services came up with a new model

that would involve a mix of peace officers and contract workers in many of Alberta's urban centres and mobile patrol units in rural communities.

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SHERRY  
TSCHRITTER  
AUPE

Didsbury and 38 hospitals similar in size were supposed to get the mobile model, which would give facilities twice-weekly patrols. Nine of those hospitals were to have in-house security cut while the rest have always done without.

"We still feel confidence that our logic is sound ... however we received a lot of community feedback and staff feedback about these changes so we're taking a pause," said Tony

Weeks, executive director of AHS protective services and parking.

"All those rurals that were going to lose security will now have it, with the exception it will now be contracted security instead of in-house."

Sites that have always done without protective services will still get the roving patrols.

According to Weeks the original plan was supposed to save about \$6 million for AHS. It's unknown how much AHS will save now with the recent change but "certainly not close to six million."

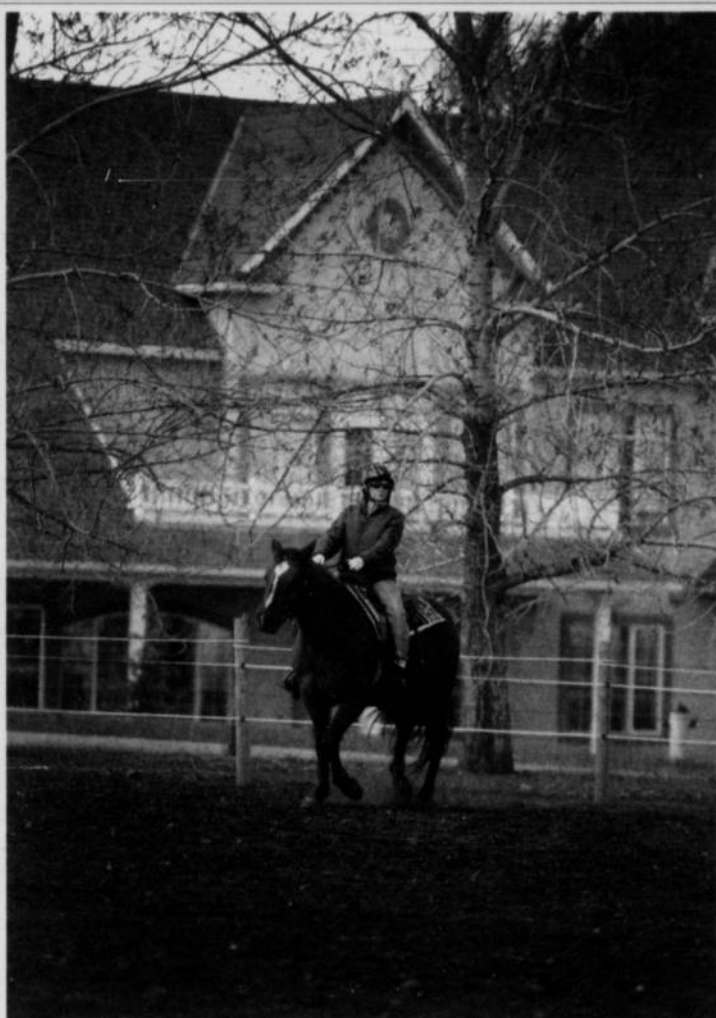
The province will be reviewing how often contracted guards are used at local hospitals and could eventually take the guards off site and move, again, towards roving patrols.

The Paladin Security Group will be providing contract security to the province.

Glen Scott, vice-president for AUPE in the Calgary area, said the move is "bittersweet."

"It's good news for those working in the institutions ... but we are still moving towards the privatization of services," he said.

"And at the end of the day employees in Didsbury are still worried they'll lose their jobs to more changes."



**GROUND WORK** - Lynn Mutschall enjoys spring temperatures as she rides Jillian, a quarter horse standard bred mare, as they do their daily ground work where the horse is boarded at a farm on the southeast corner of Didsbury.

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## In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

### Fri. May 7

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Come and join in the card games, then enjoy the coffee and goodies and visiting.

### Sat. May 8

Be sure you have your tickets for the gala at the Elks Hall tonight. Doors open at 6 p.m., supper will start at 6:30 p.m. The O.O.R.P. Ladies Fashion Show will follow and also entertainment. Lots of door prizes. It will be a great evening.

The Didsbury & District Fire Dept. is holding the annual Cabaret tonight in the M.P. Room at the Complex. All firemen have tickets or you can also purchase them by phoning 403-335-9402 or at the door.

### Sun. May 9

Didsbury Elks 12th annual Mother's Day Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Mothers and preschoolers free. Flowers for all moms.

### Wed. May 12

The monthly potluck dinner will start at 12:30 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Please bring your favourite meat dish, salad, veggies or dessert and enjoy!

The Didsbury Museum will welcome visitors on Tues. and Wed. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For a "special occasion" visit, phone Shirley 403-335-3277 or Jim 403-335-0003. Every 2nd and 4th Wed. is "Coffee and Conversation" from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Thurs. May 13

The doors open at Eldon Foote Hall (train station) at 1:30 p.m. and all seniors of the town and districts are most welcome. Take part in the program and enjoy the refreshments.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Community Garden, please phone Lois at the seniors office, 335-4391 or Jean at, 335-3728.

### Didsbury Library News

Story time for preschoolers continues on Thurs. mornings at 10:30 a.m. until June 3. This is a free program, but please register at the Library.

**BOOK SALE** - Fri. May 14 - 12 noon to 9 p.m., Sat. May 15 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Unit 3 Didsbury Hospital. Friends of the Didsbury Library Society invite one and all to check out the books for all ages.

**Tues. May 18** - Lunch at the Library. Bring your lunch and chat with JoAnne Dulaney of Didsbury Mental Health Services as you experience a Spa for Your Mind. We will be trying out the Healing Rhythms computer program that uses biofeedback to show how your body responds to relaxation. Come for a stress-free hour and give your mind a well deserved rest.

### Fri. May 14

This is the day of the annual Strawberry Tea, Bake Sale and Craft Sale at Aspen Ridge Lodge. The Friends of Aspen Ridge Lodge will welcome one and all starting at 2 p.m.

### Sat. May 15

Ross Ford Elementary School 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A morning orientation for parents and a new kindergarten child (must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 31, 2010). You will be taken on a tour of the school and each child will receive a "Welcome" package. If you are registering your child today, please bring their birth certificate.

### Sun. May 16

You will enjoy a free swim at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Then, bring your favourite food dish for the potluck supper at Rosebud Hall at 4 p.m.

## Drivers cautious during snowstorm

Only in Alberta will you be barbecuing in shorts one day and then missing work a few days after because your car is snowed in. With the weather taking a turn for the worse, the fire ban has been lifted and any small chance of having a grass fire has gone out the window. For the month of April there have been five motor vehicle collisions, two fires, three medical related, and a few alarms including a gas odour and carbon monoxide detectors going off. In past years the month of April is usually a busy time for us when farmers burn old stacks of straw or garbage and it gets out of hand and spreads. But for this April, it has been oddly quiet, almost the calm before the storm. That's if the two blizzards that kept us busy don't count.

On April 29, when the second spring blizzard rolled in, the fire departments from Carstairs to Olds were kept busy with numerous calls ranging from a downed power line in Didsbury to a light pole on fire in Olds. The difference between this storm and the previous one was that everyone seemed more prepared for this one. When I reviewed the details of the calls for that day, I have yet to find an MVC in our area which means people are more careful and taking their time to get to their destination.

The most serious incident of the month that comes

to mind is during the first storm at the beginning of the month. I was assigned to the tanker truck and with all others responding to calls on the highway we made our way to join them. We didn't even make it halfway to the Didsbury overpass before coming across an accident.

A family not familiar with the area had stopped to check a map when a semi driver that could barely see five feet in front of him collided with the SUV, propelling it into the ditch. No one involved was injured but the semi had a punctured radiator, causing a massive antifreeze leak. After directing traffic for an hour we cleaned up and came home.

The past weekend and upcoming one the Didsbury Fire Department is hosting a training course which will deal with ladders, ventilation, emergency scene lighting and forcible lighting. Many departments from the surrounding area have sent members to take the course to further their knowledge. Good luck to everyone attending.

We will be having our annual Firemen's Cabaret on Saturday May 8th from 8 p.m. -1 a.m. Held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, it's always a great night out. There will also be a midnight lunch. Contact any firefighter for advance tickets which are \$10 or pick up at the door for \$12. Hope many of you come out to have a great time.



KYLE LEESON

## 4-H kids busy with steers

The past few months have been very busy for our 4-H members. We have all been working hard at halter breaking our steers and heifers. On Feb 5, we had our club public speaking competition. There were a lot of interesting speeches and presentations. Mikaela Epp (Int.) and Mytaylor Miller (Jr.) then competed at the District Competition. Congratulations to Mytaylor who was chosen as the Jr. alternate. On March 7 many members attended the curling funspiel in Didsbury. There were many good players and they all had fun. Our club helped serve lunch at the Westway Bull Sale

on March 12 as a fundraiser. Our club also went skiing to Nakiska on March 19. Everyone said they had a lot of fun skiing and snowboarding. On Mar 9 we had our farm tour. We got to see everyone's projects, and the steers are all looking good. After the tour we had our meeting and pizza, followed by a clipping and showing demonstration. Now we will all be very busy getting ready for the upcoming heifer show on May 22 and our steer show and sale on May 25. Come out and see Alberta Beef at its best!

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### Museum

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The town will be responsible for the upkeep, as it is for the Didsbury Train Station, while the society focuses on programming.

"In the last couple of years we've been seeing individual (volunteers) wear out ... these are seniors working at the museum because they love it," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"I want to see them get back to what they enjoy ... instead of worrying about how they will get enough money to pay the power bill or replace the

roof. We have the contacts to get grants or hire contractors so we can take care of that."

Having town-run facilities is nothing new. In fact, Didsbury is one of the few museums run independently as other museums are absorbed into the Towns of Olds, Sundre, Carstairs and Bowden.

The Didsbury and District Historical Society has been operating the museum for 32 years and purchased the building from Chinook's Edge in 2007.

Kelly expects if the historic society board agrees to new ownership, there will be little impact on the museum. The building is protected as a historical resource and can't be changed unless the town gets permission from the federal government. The society would also ask for documentation ensuring a home for the society and its work inside the building.

"I really think this could be a win-win for everyone. The town maintains the museum and gets us our grants and we focus on getting people into the museum," Kelly said.

The Didsbury and District Historical Society will decide whether to go forward with discussions of new ownership at a meeting, May 19.



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# Spring snowstorm blows into Didsbury

High winds knock out power, make roads treacherous

**TAMARA CUNNINGHAM**  
Review Staff

It wasn't a sight Karen Lester expected when she looked outside. Just the Bakery's doors last Thursday, minutes before opening.

"There was this lineup of people outside waiting to come in and have coffee," said Lester, owner of the bakery.

"I let them in and things were just chaotic after that. I didn't have time to bake, it was just about making coffee and serving it to all of those people."

Just the Bakery was one of the only shops serving coffee Thursday morning, after a snowstorm knocked out power to downtown businesses.

Thirty thousand shops and residences in Central Alberta were without electricity for most of the day, according to Fortis Alberta.

The late-April storm, which started Wednesday

afternoon, was expected to break records from 80 years ago.

"We just missed that mark ... on April 29, 1929 Calgary had 10.7 centimetres of snow and we recorded only about five at the Calgary (International) Airport on Thursday," said Dale Marciski, meteorologist for Environment Canada.

"Still, it was a wicked storm."

Some parts of Alberta, like Spray Lake, near Canmore, saw up to 70 centimetres of snow. Water Valley saw 50 centimetres while Rocky Mountain House saw eight centimetres.

Residents in the Water Valley area called Environment Canada to report heavy snow had broken tree branches and collapsed roofs.

Winds were also severe, gusting up to 109 km/hr at the weather station near Bassano in eastern Alberta and 97 km/hr at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

The wind made for poor visibility for drivers along the QEII and Hwy 2A. Police shut down roads between Red Deer and Airdrie for most of the afternoon, but not before cars spun into the medians or careened off the road.

"There were a lot of vehicles in the ditch but no serious collisions ... and no pileups," said RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

"But it was treacherous out there. There was a lot of slush and some drifts, which made it hard to drive and we had a phone line down out there on Hwy 2A near the county office."

Dennis Dovich took a break from the storm late-morning at Mugs Coffee House after businesses got back power.

He says the weather is no surprise for Albertans.

"When the power goes off, we're like 'so' and when it snows and the roads get bad, we're like 'so' - we're used to this. It's no big deal," he said.

"Although I'm glad it happened now and not next weekend when we have our Show n' Shine."

Phil Dube, also having coffee Thursday morning,

said the extra moisture will be welcomed by farmers, who've been grappling with dry soil conditions this spring.

"This is what they were

waiting for ... we just hope there's more of it."

Environment Canada reports cool and dry weather for most of the week, with rainfall today.

## Holy Trinity Catholic School Register now for September 2010



Holy Trinity Catholic School, a publicly funded school, will open its doors to children of all faiths in September 2010. **Register now for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6 classes.**

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Blake Krause, Principal

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**Stauffer, Ray E.**


Ray E. Stauffer, 73, passed away April 25, 2010, in Pueblo, Colorado. He was born on November 9, 1936, in Didsbury, Alberta, Canada, to Lloyd and Emma (Good) Stauffer. On June 14, 1984, Ray was united in marriage to Janice (Wise) Ortmann in University Park, Iowa. A minister for over fifty years, Ray earned his degree at Bethel College in Indiana. He began his ministry as a singing evangelist and went on to pastor several churches in both Canada and the United States. He also enjoyed woodworking, camping and kayaking. Ray was a member of the First Baptist Church in Westcliffe, CO, and was a member of 'Naturally Santa, Inc.', a professional Santa's group. But most of all he loved his family. Ray is survived by his wife, Janice; children, Farrel (Sherri) Stauffer of IL, Bevan (Michele) Stauffer of OH, Curtis (Jenny) Stauffer of SC, Colleen Chadwick of Loveland, CO, Charlene (Rodger) Peck of NE, Stephen Ortmann of AR, Cheryl (Ray) Adams of KS, Stanley (Ferral) Ortmann of AR, Stuart (Suzie) Ortmann of KS, and Carol (Jeff) Kelderman of IA; thirty-six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; siblings, Willard (Marilyn) Stauffer, Clifford Stauffer, Arnold (Betty) Stauffer, Lillian (Lou) Nobert, Ed (Joyce) Stauffer, and Lyle (Daphne) Stauffer all of Canada; and sister-in-law, Irene Stauffer also of Canada. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doreen; parents; one brother, Virgil Stauffer; and daughter-in-law, Lorri Ortmann. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Westcliffe, CO. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 29, 2010 also at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Doug Allen officiating. Interment will be in Freeman Missionary Cemetery in Freeman, South Dakota. A memorial fund has been established at the First Baptist Church at 410 S. 16th St., Westcliffe, CO 81252. Arrangements handled by Holt Family Funeral Home.

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